Participation of Air India Regional Director based at New York in the Reception arranged for South African Delegation

1445. SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI:
SHRI RAMANAND YADAV:
SHRIMATI AMARJIT KAUR:

Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news reports regarding participation by the Air India Regional Director based at New York in the reception arranged for a South African delegation recently there;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) what action Government have taken or propose to take in the mater?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI KHURSHEED ALAM KHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) According to available information Shri N.L. Mital, Regional Director, Air India for U.S.A. and Canada and based at New York is a member of the Rotary International for the last 15 years or so and had been attending its meetings. Recently, a meeting of the Rotary International was organised at New York to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the South African Airways. Shri Mital attended the meeting which was also attended among others by the President of the Rotary and Shri Gert Van Der Veer, Chief Executive of South African Airways and the General Manager, Lufthansa (German Airlines).

(c) The matter is under consideration in consultation with the Ministry of External Affairs.

Seizure of Heroin and Hashish

1446. SHRI JASWANT SINGH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases in which drugs like heroin, hashish, etc. were seized by the customs authorities during the last one year; and

(b) how do these figures correspond with those during the preceding last two years?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY): (a) and (b) A statement is annexed.

Statement

Number of cases and the quantities of various narcotics drugs seized by the different Enforcement Authorities under the Customs Act, 1962 during the years 1981, 1982, 1983 and 1984 (up-to June)

	1981		1982		1983		1984 (Provisional)	
	No of cases	Qty. seized in Kgs.	No. of cases	Qty. seized in Kgs.	No of cases	Qty. seized in Kgs.	No. of cases	Quty. seized in Kgs.
Narcotic Drugs								
Opium 87 .	87	1770.814	104	1752.301	126	3855.410	29	1726.250
Ganja . .	70	4768.207	61	2970.723 —294 bags	62	10310.847 +151 bags	30	5053.675
Gharas . . .	318	402.172 +7.000 O(H.il)	236	569.430 —13 000 (H Oil)	187	28234.651	59	2461.39
Morrhinl . .	3	076	4	5 953	3	2.897	6	2.820
Heroin . . .	3	4.245	16	19.206	26	74.501	10	45.642
Cocaine . .	2	2 725 (+) 6 Phials	1	0.038	2	0.095	..	..
Psychotropic Substances								
Mandrax Tablets	3	68.540	10	208.440	5	58.600	9	400.200